



	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	15	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	5	-	7	=	0	\$ 84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

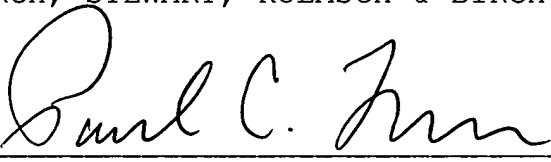
- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hidenobu NISHIDA et al. Conf.: 2025
Serial No.: 09/753,579 Art Unit: 1734
Filed: January 4, 2001 Examiner: B. Lamb
For: CONVEYANCE APPARATUS AND CONVEYANCE METHOD

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003 (Paper No. 7), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **rewrite claims 1-15** as follows:

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1. (Amended) An apparatus for a dipping treatment having a conveyor disposed above a treatment bath for dipping and designed to cause a workpiece conveyed by the conveyor to be immersed in and emerge from the treatment bath for dipping, wherein the workpiece is supported above the conveyor through a carrier, and the carrier is swung above the treatment bath for dipping in a plane that is substantially perpendicular to a direction of